

Annapolis Heritage Commission

December 3, 2014

The Annapolis Heritage Commission (AHC) of the City of Annapolis held its December 3, 2014 meeting at 145 Gorman Street Conference Room 3. Acting Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Mack (arrived late), Haight, Holland, McWilliams, Engelke, Ramirez

Commissioners Absent: Cropper, Clark, Worden, Hayes-Williams, Bowen

Staff: Craig-Board Liaison

The agenda was approved as submitted.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Engelke moved approval of the September 8, 2014 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Haight seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Emancipation Day Recap

The Emancipation Day discussion was deferred to the next AHC meeting.

2. Reappointments

Ms. Craig noted that the Mayor is aware of the necessary reappointments and members will continue to serve until either released or reappointed. Those up for reappointment are Ms. Engelke and Ms. Cropper.

3. <u>Living Landmarks</u>

Ms. Craig explained that the Commission will be conducting the Living Landmarks event on its own and the Mayor will be presenting the recipients with the award after they have been posted. She will begin the event arrangements in January 2015.

4. <u>Lincoln Walk 150th Anniversary</u>

Ms. Craig clarified that there was a suggestion from the History Consortium that the AHC sponsor an event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln walk noting that February 2,1865 marks the 150th year of the walk. Ms. Engelke added that there was also a bronze plaque installed to commemorate the walk. The AHC briefly discussed the best approach to commemorating the event. **Chair** Mack agreed to check with Terry Poisson, Director of Social Studies for Anne Arundel County Public Schools, to see if there is a way to incorporate students as part of the event. Ms. Craig will contact Mr. Rock Toews to see if he is willing to speak at the unveiling of the revitalized Lincoln marker. She will also check with Fossil for a quote on the costs of revitalizing the plaques and contact Ms. Phillips of the Naval Academy regarding the sign dedication event. Ms. Engelke agreed to send Ms. Craig copies of the .pdf for the Charter 300 files.

5. St. Claire Wright Lectures – Queen Anne

Ms. Engelke noted that Mr. Fogle has expressed interest in reviving the St. Claire Wright historic preservation lectures that were originally hosted by the Mayor but have since changed to the Historic Annapolis (HA) Board of Directors. She explained that these lectures were free to the past in the public but is now \$25 to attend. She noted that the invitation to the British Ambassador must now come from the Mayor. Ms. Craig believes that this is something that the HA should handle so encouraged **Chair** Mack agreed to discuss this with the HA Board of Directors. Ms. Craig noted that the National Historic Preservation Act was created in 1966 through a U.S. Conference of Mayors publication and this same year, the National Historic Landmark District of Annapolis was created so 2016 marks the 50th anniversary year of this event. The HPC will be hosting several activities in celebration of these events. She believes that a May 2016 date would be a good date for the event.

6. West Annapolis

Ms. Ramirez said that there will be talks on "What's on your West Annapolis."

7. St. Anne Cemetery

Ms. Ramirez stated that there is great interest by St. Anne's Church regarding the cemetery specifically the overgrowth of the ivy on the head stones. She explained that there is also some concern regarding the shrubbery at the entrance making the appearance poor. She agreed to monitor to determine if there is anything the AHC is interested. Ms. Craig suggested having them contact a cemetery conservator for guidance.

Chair Mack announced that the 2014 Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture final meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 11:00am at Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center to discuss preservation.

D. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Ms. Engelke moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm. Ms. Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

Tami Hook, Recorder